

Joseph A. Roby

Wayland, Ms.

Ans May 29.

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Rev & dear sir,

Wayland Mass. May 22 1846

Ever since the time or about the time of the arrest of Bro. Torrey, by the slaveholders of Baltimore, I have been curious to know <sup>the</sup> truth of an assertion by Rev J. W. Allen of Wayland Mass. to me. Somewhere about the time aforesaid he Mr. A. said to me in a short conversation about Mr. Torrey, that Mr. Phelps, meaning yourself said (to him Mr. Allen) that Torrey had lost all his piety when he went to Baltimore - These are the words "Lost all his piety" My inquiry of you is, did you at or about that time in public or <sup>in</sup> private - to Mr. Allen or to any one else say either directly or impliedly or intimate that Rev C. J. Torrey had "lost all his piety", or any part of it? By answering this question you will oblige

Rev A. A. Phelps      Yours for the truth, Joseph A. Roby  
N York city

P.S. Be assured that no improper use will be made of your communication. J. A. R.